

REMARKS

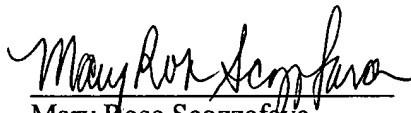
Applicant elects the invention of Group II, including claims 13-34, drawn to a compound or composition containing an alpha, omega dicarboxylic acid covalently linked to an active alcohol moiety through a covalent bond, classified in class 424, subclass 401. Applicant notes that rejoinder of the non-elected method claims (invention of Group I) is possible.

Applicants hereby request that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 24, 2006, be extended for four months' time, up to and including December 27, 2006, to maintain the pendency of the above-identified case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee for filing the request for extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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